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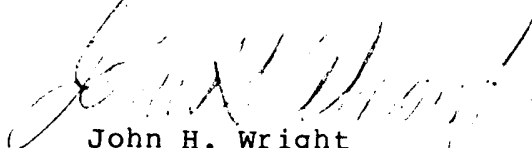
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This letter serves to confirm receipt of your 15 March 1985 statement withdrawing your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Your patience and cooperation has been appreciated.

Sincerely,


John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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15 March 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

I, hereby affirm that I have obtained
all the documents and materials of interest to me, which I
requested under the Freedom of Information Act, and consider
the matter closed.

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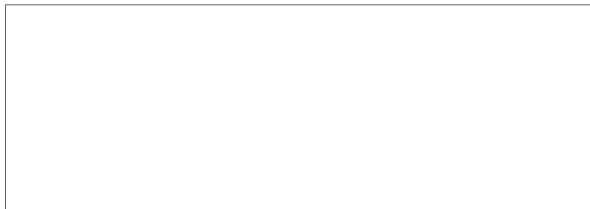


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Based on your letter of 12 February 1984, I have asked my staff to look into your request for information on Radio Free Europe and about the Polish defector, Joseph Swiatlo. I agree that this material does have considerable historic value and will do the best I can to shake it loose. My staff has informed me that much of the material remains classified and, therefore, I am sure you can understand the need for continued protection.

Also, I understand that much of the Radio Free Europe information was transferred to the Board of International Broadcasting several years ago.

I understand that records associated with your request are now being reviewed by our Operations staff. We will do our best to complete the review in the near future. Our Information and Privacy Coordinator will be in touch with you as soon as the review is finished and will provide you with any information that can be released.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
COORDINATOR
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

February 11, 1984

Dear Sir:

Almost four years ago I sent you my request under Freedom Information Act for copies of all available documentary sources pertaining to the beginning of the Polish operation of Radio Free Europe in Munich in 1952 and the documents concerning Polish defector Joseph Swiatlo and minutes or reports of his interrogations by the CIA. Swiatlo defected in 1953 and broadcast a series of programs in RFE in 1954/55.

Mr. John H. Bacon, Information and Privacy Coordinator wrote me in his letter dated 19th August, 1980: 'Rest assured that we are proceeding with that portion of your request which deals with Radio Free Europe and will provide you with the results promptly upon completion'.

Since I did not hear from you over next two years - Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski acting on my behalf wrote on April 14th, 1982 to Mr. Robert M. Gates, Deputy Director for Intelligence asking him for reasons of such a long delay. Mr. Gates informed Brzezinski that my request 'is processed by the Directorate of Operations and will reach the top of their processing queue in about six months'. In fact after four years since my original request was submitted and two years since Mr. Gates' letter - I received no response.

I was 66 when I approached you for the first time. Upon receiving of your answer I decided to postpone writing my memoirs.

I am now 70 and if I have to wait much longer, I may never be able to write the book, which in my view could be of considerable historical interest. I assume that all documents concerning Swiatlo are kept in one folder and in one place, and that no search could possibly take four years.

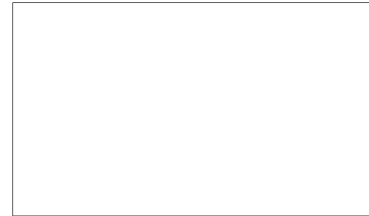
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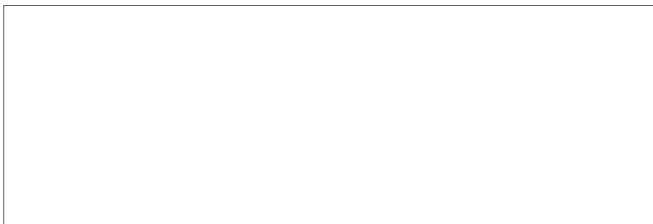
I would appreciate therefore if you could kindly advise me at your early convenience, a/ what progress has been made in processing my request since 1980, and b/ when at the latest the documents or at least part of them will be made available to me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency



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